

Remarks

By this amendment claims 13-26 are pending.

In the Office Action of December 22, 2004, the Examiner objected to claims 1-12 as being indefinite. By this amendment, these claims are cancelled and new claims are entered. Care has been taken to present a better understandable claim.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9 and 11 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,483,709 (Layton). The remaining claims were rejected as obvious over Layton in view of U.S. Patent 5,452,951 (Peller) or U.S. Patent 6,208,612 (Miller). Reconsideration of the rejections in view of the new claims and the following remarks is requested.

Layton discloses a cable management solution for rack mounted computer component. The system has a rack structure 105 with computing components 110 slideably disposed therein. The computing components have a plurality of connectors in their rear wall as seen in Figure 2. The rear wall of the rack has a series of connectors on an interposer board 300. A back plate 400 having a series of connectors attaches to the interposer board 300. Likewise, the connections on the back of the electronic component 110 engages the interposer board 300. This arrangement is distinctly different from the invention, as claimed.

The invention is a device 1 having a back to which a segment is attached. The segment carries multiple connectors for the attachment of video cameras. If the device is to be changed, the segment can be removed and attached to the new device to avoid disconnecting each and every video camera from the new device and reattaching it to the new device. The segment connects with a connector within a recess formed in the casing to allow signals from the video camera to be processed by the device.

Claims 13 and 20 now recite that the segment housing, carrying the external connection field, is removably fastened in a recess of the casing and forming part of the outer surface of the casing. Claim 21 states that the sidewall of the casing is formed by a first segment and a second segment, the first segment having at least one electrical connector extending from the interior and exterior surface of the segment, the segment having

a width smaller than the width of the sidewall. These features are not disclosed by Layton. The connectors of Layton forming a rear wall of the rack extend across the entire width of the rack and do not fit in a recess in the rack.

The claims, as amended, are allowable. If any issues remain and the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undesigned attorney.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

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